



2021-2022

*Libraries helping children build home
libraries through community
partnerships and outreach*



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for Libraries

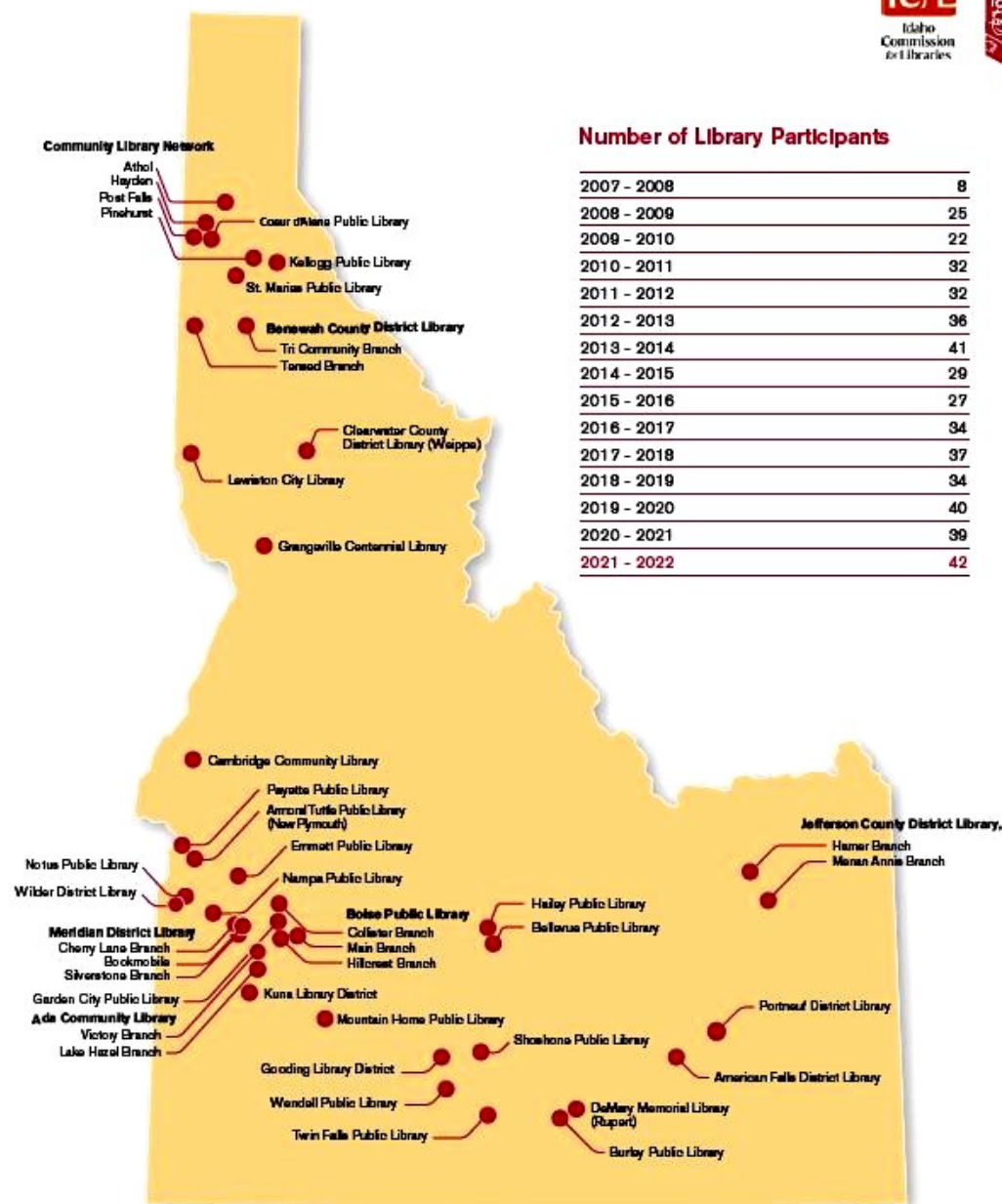
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MY FIRST BOOKS SITES

2021 - 2022



Number of Library Participants

2007 - 2008	8
2008 - 2009	25
2009 - 2010	22
2010 - 2011	32
2011 - 2012	32
2012 - 2013	36
2013 - 2014	41
2014 - 2015	29
2015 - 2016	27
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2018 - 2019	34
2019 - 2020	40
2020 - 2021	39
2021 - 2022	42

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My First Books Resources

libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/my-first-books/
(Under Resources for MFB Participants)

Abbreviations:

MFB (My First Books)

ICfL (Idaho Commission for Libraries)

CP (Community Partner)

August 2021

Helpful Links

Author pronunciations:
www.teachingbooks.net

Book jackets:
www.librarything.com

Early literacy resources:

Read to Me:
libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/
read-to-me-resources

ID Early Learn. Guide.
healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/
services-programs/about-
idaho-early-learning-
eguidelines

DayByDayID.org

Saroj Ghoting
www.earlylit.net

Reading Rockets:
www.readingrockets.org/
audience/professionals/
preschool

Songs, rhymes, fingerplays:
www.youtube.com/Birth2Six
www.storyblocks.org
https://kcls.org/content/
www.thelearninggroove.com
www.jbrary.com
www.spanishplayground.net

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Helpful Hints: Attend a MFB training session (8/19 (returning staff), 8/24 (new staff), or 8/25 (new staff), or watch the archive of the 8/19 archived session (returning staff only). Call or email your community partner (CP) and set up a meeting for August or early September. Use the Distribution Planning form to work through the details of your monthly storytime visits, and be sure to discuss the items on the Covid Handout. All MFB training materials and handouts can be found on the My First Books website: https://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/my-first-books/						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Free Comic Book Day 2021 (rescheduled)
15	16	17	18	19 MFB Orientation for returning staff (Noon-1:00 MST)	20	21
22	23	24 MFB training for new staff (9:00-11:30 am MST)	25 MFB training for new staff (2:00-4:30 pm MST)	26	27	28
29	30	31				

September 2021

Helpful Hints

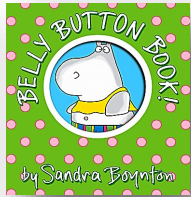
☒ Meet with your CP to discuss distribution dates/times and contingency plans to address health and safety measures due to the pandemic. Bring this calendar and the MFB Distribution Planning Sheet. —Address how you and your CP will inform parents about participation in MFB this year. —Confirm enrollment numbers for each age group and send updated numbers to Kristina via JotForm.

☒ Be sure to utilize the resources provided for Spanish-speaking families: Intro letter in Spanish; Bookworms in Spanish; Spanish translation of books. If you want Bookworms printed each month let us know!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Library Card Sign Up Month Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15—Oct. 15) Banned Books Week: Sept. 26– Oct. 2			1	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>ICfL Closed</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Grandparent's Day</i>	13	14 <i>MFB Enrollment numbers due</i>	15 <i>Summer Reading Report due</i>	16	17	18
19	20	21 <i>International Day of Peace</i> <i>Estimated arrival of October books</i>	22	23	24 <i>Native American Day</i>	25
26	27	29	29	30	Look for Idaho Family Reading Week 2021 postcard in the mail. FRW is Nov. 8-14, but events can be any day in November. Register at: https://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/	

Great Read-Alouds

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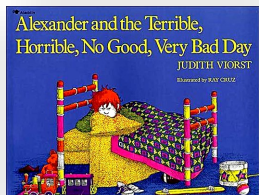
The Belly Button Book,
by Sandra Boynton

Preschool



The Pigeon Needs a Bath,
by Mo Willems

Kindergarten



Alexander and the Terrible,
Horrible, No Good, Very Bad
Day, by Judith Viorst

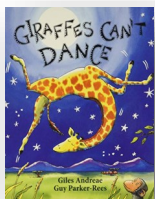
October 2021

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Helpful Hints: Jumpstart Read for the Record: Oct. 28 (www.jstart.org/read-for-the-record) Check with your partner regarding Family Reading Week (FRW) (Nov. 8—14)			International School Library Month National Friends of the Library Week: October 17-24		1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Idaho Library Assoc. Annual Conference			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Columbus Day ICfL closed					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Estimated arrival of November books		Assoc. Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference (Reno, NV)		
24	25	26	27	28 Read for the Record Day	29	30
31 Halloween						

**Narrative Skills/
Family Reading Week:
“Believe & Achieve”**

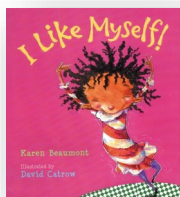
November 2021

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Giraffes Can't Dance,
by Giles Andreae

Preschool



I Like Myself,
by Karen Beaumont

Kindergarten



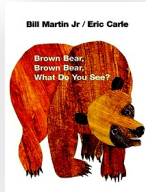
Ish, or The Dot,
by Peter Reynolds

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Native American Heritage and Picture Book Month	1	2 <i>Election Day</i>	3	4	5 YALSA Symposium (Reno, NV) Nov. 5—7	6
7 <i>International Games Week</i> <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	8	9	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> ICfL closed	12	13
Idaho Family Reading Week, Children's Book Week Nov. 8—14						
14	15	16	17	18 <i>Estimated arrival of December books</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <i>Thanksgiving</i> ICfL Closed	26	27
28	29	30	Helpful Hints: Promote your FRW Event(s): Fliers, Bookworm, stickers on children, emails to parents, posters/signs on doors of classroom/center—send something home each week! Ask your partner to help you promote it in newsletters, personal phone calls, texts, robo calls, etc. Children's Book Week is also Nov. 8—14: https://everychildareader.net/cbw/			

Phonological Awareness

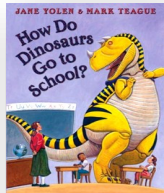
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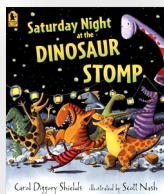
*Brown Bear, Brown Bear,
What Do You See?*
by Bill Martin, Jr.

Preschool



*How Do Dinosaurs
Go to School?*
by Jane Yolen

Kindergarten



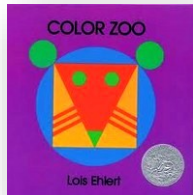
*Saturday Night at the
Dinosaur Stomp,*
by Carol Diggory Shields

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Helpful Hints: This month may be filled with special assemblies, concerts, parties, etc. Check in with your partner regarding distribution dates.		Cultural Celebrations: Las Posadas, Dec. 16-24 Chanukah, Dec. 10-18 Kwanzaa, Dec. 26-Jan. 1	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>International Human Rights Day</i>	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve ICfL Closed</i>	25 <i>Christmas</i>
26	27 <i>Estimated arrival of January books</i>	28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve ICfL Closed</i>	

Letter Knowledge

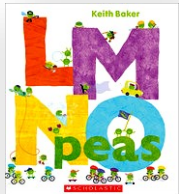
January 2022

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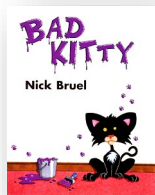
Color Zoo,
by Lois Ehlert

Preschool



LMNO Peas,
by Keith Baker

Kindergarten



Bad Kitty,
by Nick Bruel

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Helpful Hints: Check in with your CP to see how the program and contingency plans are working. Make any tweaks to help make the second part of the year proceed smoothly. If you haven't scheduled your family literacy event, do this now.			National Braille Literacy Month 100th Day of School: check local district or with partner organization for exact day ALA's Youth Media Awards —Date TBD			1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 MLK, Jr. Day/ Idaho Human Rights Day ICfL Closed	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Estimated arrival of February books

Singing

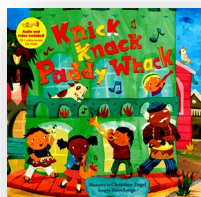
February 2022

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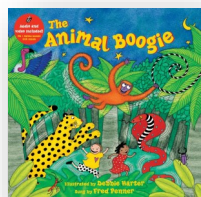
The Itsy-Bitsy Spider,
by Jeannette Winter

Preschool



Knick Knack Paddy Wack,
by Steven Song

Kindergarten



Animal Boogie,
by Debbie Harter

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Children's Authors & Illustrators Week: First week of February		1 <i>Chinese New Year -Year of the Tiger</i>	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21	21 <i>President's Day</i> <i>ICfL closed</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	African American History Month International Friendship Month		Helpful Hints: MFB Application for 2022-2023 will be available this month. Print off Community Partner Information handout and give to CP ASAP if you plan to re-apply. Feb. 15: Deadline to apply for Early Literacy in Action workshops		

Writing/ Use of Print

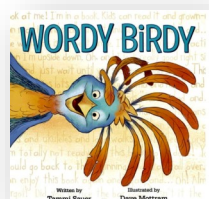
March 2022

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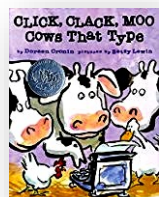
Blankie/Mantita,
by Leslie Patricelli

Preschool



Wordy Birdy,
by Tammi Sauer

Kindergarten



Click Clack Moo Cows That Type, by Doreen Cronin

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Women's History Month		1	2 Dr. Seuss's Birthday/NEA Read Across America Day (www.nea.org)	3	4 Idaho Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16 Read to Me Rendezvous (Boise)	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20	21 Estimated arrival of April books	22	23 Public Library Association Conference (Portland, OR)	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Helpful Hints: Check with your school district and CP for Spring Break dates. MFB applications for next year due 4/20.	

Vocabulary

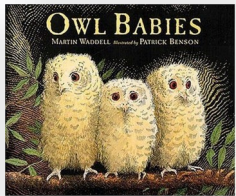
April 2022

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Can You Find...A Lion in the Neighborhood? / ¿Dónde está... un león en el vecindario?
by Brett Medino

Preschool



Owl Babies,
by Martin Waddell

Kindergarten



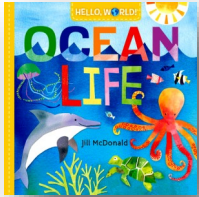
Big Chickens Fly the Coop,
by Leslie Helakoski

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Helpful Hints: Meet with your partner to plan how parent surveys will be distributed and collected. If you are applying for MFB again, be sure to include data in your Need Statement. Ex: % of kids who qualify for free/reduced lunch, etc. The strength of your Need Statement is critical to the application.			National Poetry Month School Library Month National Library Week: April 3—10 Week of the Young Child: April 2—8		1	2 International Children's Book Day www.ibby.org
3 Ramadan: April 2—May 2	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 National Library Workers Day	13	14	15	16
17 Easter	18	19	20 MFB 22-23 Application Deadline Estimated arrival of May books	21	22 Earth Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 El día de los niños/libros

**Nonfiction/
Summer Reading:
“Oceans of Possibilities”**

May 2022

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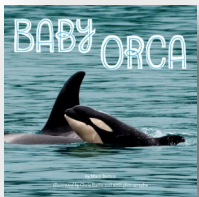
Hello, World: Ocean Life,
by Jill McDonald

Preschool



Ocean Friends: A Journey
Beneath the Sea,
by Anna Krusinski (KUBU)

Kindergarten



Baby Orca,
by Mary Batten

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Helpful Hints: Give regular title, <u>plus additional</u> self-selected title this month. Debrief with your partner. Begin promoting summer reading to your partners/MFB parents. Is there a way to collaborate with partner organizations for summer reading?			MFB Final Report/Surveys due <u>June 1</u> Application Deadline: Outreach to Underserved Children requests, <u>June 15</u>		Asian/Pacific Heritage Month	1 Free Comic Book Day 2022
1 Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-8)	2 Children's Book Week (May 2—8)	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day ICfL closed	31				